(a) whether there is a proposal to amend the Indian Patents Act;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) whether the Government have invited the views of various concerned parties before taking such a decision and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[*Translation*]

Central Assistance to States

6772. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the increase in the Central assistance to each State/Union Territory during 1991-92 as compared to the Central assistance provided in 1990-91;

(b) whether the Government of Rajasthan have represented to the Union Government to enhance the Central assistance for 1991-92; and

(c) if so, the decision taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) The increase in the criteria based normal Central assistance (gross) to each State/Union Territory during 1991—92 as compared to the Central Assistance provided in 1990—91 is shown in Statement I and II attached.

(b) & (c). Rajasthan, like many other States, has been requesting increased Central Assistance. As the allocation of normal Central Assistance is based on the formula approved by the National Development Council, Central assistance for Rajasthan is also decided on the basis of the formula.

STATEMENT-I

Increase in Normal Central Assistance (Gross) in 1991—92 Over 1990-91

Sl.No.	*States*	*Rs. Crores*
1	*2*	*3*
A.	Special Category States	
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	70.31
2.	Assam	122.17
3.	Himachal Pradesh	37.75
4.	Jammu & Kashmir	155.98
5.	Manipur	39.12
6.	Meghalaya	29.83

Sl.No.	*States*	*Rs. Crores*
1	*2*	*3*
7.	Mizoram	47.08
8.	Nagaland	40.08
9.	Sikkim	20.30
10.	Tripura	31.79
	Total : A	594.41
B. Non-Special Category States		
1.	Andhra Pradesh	98.16
2.	Bihar	141.07
3.	Goa	-55.50
4.	Gujarat	32.26
5.	Haryana	15.09
6.	Karnataka	35.12
7.	Kerala	37.05
8.	Madhya Pradesh	85.80
9.	Maharashtra	77.60
10.	Orissa	59.15
11.	Punjab	58.90
12.	Rajasthan	38.44
13.	Tamil Nadu	45.47

Sl.No.	States	Rs. Crores
1	2	3
14.	Uttar Pradesh	46.84
15.	West Bengal	68.77
	Total : B	784.22
	Grand Total (A+B)	1378.68

STATEMENT-II

Increase in Normal Assistance* Include U.T's own resources. To Union Territories in 1991—92 over 1990—91

Sl.No	Union Territories	Rs. Crores
1	2	3
1.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands.	57.50
2.	Chandigarh	9.39
3.	Dadra, Nagar Haveli	8.51
4.	Daman & Diu	3.60
5.	Delhi	120.00
6.	Lakshdweep	0.96
7.	Pondicherry	15.00
	Total	214.96

*Include U.T's own resources.

Central Investment in Central Projects

6773. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of Central investment in various Central Projects, State-wise as at the end of 1990-91;

(b) whether only two per cent of the total capital invested in the country has been invested in Rajasthan;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps contemplated to increase to Central investment in Rajashtan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE